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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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### Public Invited to First Annual Astronomy Day and Night Sky Event

**Tulelake, CA** – The National Park Service invites you to participate in the first annual Astronomy Day and Night Sky Event on Saturday, July 2, 2011 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M. at Lava Beds National Monument.

For more information visit <http://www.nps.gov/labe/planyourvisit/special-events.htm>.

Beginning at 8:00 A.M., and throughout the day, you can tour our solar system by taking a stroll on the planet walk. At 11:00 A.M. a Junior Ranger program best suited for families with children 8-13 year olds will be presented about Moon Phases (younger children are also welcome). At 1:00 P.M. a Ranger will discuss how Lava Beds National Monument is reducing light pollution for the best possible sky viewing. Learn what you can do too. At 3:00 PM join Ranger Carolyn Hunt to discover how people told time before watches and make your own pocket sundial.

An evening program about the night sky will be held at the campground amphitheater at 9:30 P.M. Please bring a red tinted flashlight. The program will introduce viewers to peoples' historical relationship with the night sky and how this relationship has changed over the past few decades.

The event will conclude with a chance to view heavenly objects such as planets through a telescope. Please bring your telescope for a chance to set it up under the darkest skies around! If you are a bit of an amateur astronomer and would like to donate your time and valuable expertise to help make this event a greater success, contact Ranger Carolyn Hunt at 530-667-8114 or via email at [Carolyn\\_Hunt@nps.gov](mailto:Carolyn_Hunt@nps.gov).

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